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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN
THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

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Sir:

In response to the "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)" dated February 20, 2007 (copy enclosed), Applicants submit herewith a copy of the duly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, accompanied by an Assignment to Bridgestone Corporation.

The additional claim fee of \$200.00 is incorrect. The Article 34 Amendments were submitted concurrently with this application on April 3, 2006, and the total number of independent claims after entry of the Article 34 Amendments is only one (1).

A check for the statutory fee of \$130.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (with the exception of the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is also attached.

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- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/03/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 04/03/2006
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- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/03/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/03/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/03/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 04/03/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of **\$200** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$330 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$ 200
 - \$200 for 1 independent claims over 3.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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